Guidelines for certifying a product as product

2509. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA:
SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the product Revital has been classified as a food product;

(b) if so, the criteria and guidelines for certifying a product as food product;

(c) whether it is also a fact that NPPA had issued notice for not taking the price approval for Revital;

(d) the estimated over-charged amount;

(e) whether the company is trying to circumvent the Drugs Price Control Order by classifying this product as a food item; and

(f) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) "Food" has been defined under the PFA Act, 1954, as any article used as food or drink for human consumption other than drugs and water.

The licensing of food is done by the State Governments under Section 24 of the PFA Act, 1954.

The Central Committee for Food Standards (CCFS), which is a statutory body under PFA Act, 1954, has not recommended the product 'Revital' to be classified as food product.

(c) to (f) It is not covered under the Drugs Price Control Order, [DPCO] 1995.

Pneumonia disease

2510. SHRI R.P. GOENKA:
SHRI DATTA MEGHE:
SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: